

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 and 9 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Korean Patent No. 1991-0010203 (the '203 patent) and by Korean Patent No. 2002-0057012 (the '012 patent). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, inter alia, a reduction gear which speed-reduces a driving force of a driving motor and has an output shaft thereof transmitting the speed-reduced driving force to a lower kneading drum.

Independent claim 5 recites, inter alia, a reduction gear controlling a driving force of a driving motor coupled to an output shaft transmitting the driving force to a first drum.

Independent claim 9 recites, inter alia, a reduction gear controlling a number of rotations of a driving motor.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither the '203 patent nor the '012 patent teach at least the aforementioned features of independent claims 1, 5, and 9.

The '203 patent is understood to relate to a baking device. However, none of the figures of the '203 patent, and in particular FIGS. 1-5, 7, and 8 cited by the Office Action, illustrates a reduction gear.

The '012 patent is understood to relate to a bread maker. However, none of the figures of the '012 patent, especially FIGS. 1-4 cited by the Office Action, illustrates a reduction gear.

Thus, neither the '203 patent nor the '012 patent teaches the aforementioned features of independent claim 1, 5, and 9.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 5, and 9 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Request is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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